

AIDS Interfaith Support Network

Agenda, June 20, 1994

934-1917

10/17-20
Fall Retreat -- Harry Wingfield

Meet in July -
fund raising \$4,000.00

workshop leaders

Cellman
Benedictine
Sisters.

AIDS Care Team Update -- Joe Elmore

snacks
special dinner * decorations

Joe Elmore
know AINS

Break into Focus Groups

Liaisons with AIDS organizations--coordinate their needs with congregations through our network

1. Birmingham AIDS Outreach, Pamela Jones, 322-4197
2. UAB 1917 Clinic, Lyn McDurmont, 934-1917
3. AIDS Task Force of Alabama, Randy Russell, 592-2437
4. A Baby's Place, Glenda Hollis, 939-1514
5. AIDS in Minorities, Tony Morris, 934-5060 or 323-7949
6. Cooper Green -- Ann Atkinson, 930-3282
7. Others? Children's Hospital
VA - John Hankins

B. Monthly Prayer Service

1. Publicity
2. Speakers
3. Music
4. Program

St. Francis Xavier
Steve Calvert
595-2224
Chapel.
7/18/94

on Montclair
across from
Montclair

Rev. Larry Horne
Woodlawn United Meth.
Peggy Wenderhoff

C. Pastoral Care Referral for HIV/AIDS affected persons and families

1. Developing a master list of participating clergy by denomination and geography.
2. What services will we ask clergy to provide? Pastoral counseling, spiritual guidance, home visits, hospital visitation, sacramental care, grief counseling, funeral planning, etc.
3. How will we organize ourselves?

D. Clergy and Congregational Education

1. Statewide Conference Planning
2. Friday Morning Grace help with invitations

Recruit through
Publishing Love Retreat.

(500 people?)
thurs. Oct 20th

Judy Clark
Debbie Lyon
ARFA - Family Clinic
Harry Wingfield - 1917
Housing
Rev. Renee Koshler
Pilgrim

Renee Koshler
Mary Ragone

Malcolm Markin

Is there a conflict
Excel.

Phone call about people willing to
serve on list.
People who work in BAO - Episcopal etc.

Pastors of other MCC's - Harry Wingfield
Interfaith mailbox

Department of Medicine

Tuesday, September 13, 1994

Rev. Marge Ragona
Covenant Metropolitan Community Church
3001 Fourth Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35205

Dear Marge:

Just a reminder about our AIDS Interfaith Prayer service on the third Monday night of the month (this coming Monday) from 7:30-8:15 p.m. for persons of all faiths. We pray for persons who are infected or affected by HIV, we remember those who have died recently, we take time to thank God for the AIDS service organizations and health care professionals in our area by name, and finally we pray for congregations who are already involved and considering AIDS ministry.

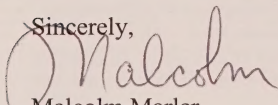
Our meeting site for July-December is at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, just off Montclair Road directly across from the entrance to Baptist Montclair Hospital (there is a sign at the red light). It is very easy to find and we meet in the small, beautiful chapel. Our next meeting is this Monday night, September 19th.

Upcoming meetings will be:

October 17
November 21
December 19

Thanks again for your interest and commitment to the many persons who are affected by AIDS in our community. May God's grace be yours.

Sincerely,


Malcolm Marler
Chaplain, 1917 Clinic

Department of Medicine

Tuesday, October 11, 1994

Rev. Marge Ragona
Covenant Metropolitan Community Church
3001 Fourth Avenue South
Birmingham, AL 35205

Dear Marge:

I want to update you on some changes we are making in regards to our monthly AIDS Interfaith Prayer Service. As I understand it, we have had two major goals in having a monthly prayer service:

- 1) *Pray for and support persons/families who are affected by HIV/AIDS; and*
- 2) *Raise awareness in the interfaith community to encourage a compassionate response from people of faith.*

For a variety of reasons, our monthly service has not met these goals as fully as we had hoped. Like many programs, there comes a time to evaluate and possibly try something new. So, we are going to discontinue our monthly prayer service in its present form.

In its place for 1995, we are talking with congregations throughout Jefferson County who would be willing to host an AIDS Worship Service as a part of their regular worship time (Sunday morning, evening, Wednesday evening, or Saturday evening) once a year. Joe Elmore and I will be available as resource persons for these services if needed. Our goal will be to publish a brochure that would list at least one congregation's worship service each month in 1995 that will focus on the AIDS community. This will allow us to meet the above goals, and reach more people through times they are already meeting.

I am aware this may exclude some clergy from participating in the service (we are planning an annual interfaith service on Thursday, December 1st on World AIDS Day--more info. coming), but we are finding most clergy prefer a once a year emphasis since they have so many other commitments. If your congregation would be interested in hosting one of these services, I hope you will give me a call, 934-1917, by the end of this month.

I believe this is a step forward in a different direction to get the faith community involved in AIDS ministry. I am always open to additional suggestions as we try to address spiritual needs of persons in the AIDS community. I will be in touch in the coming weeks about our special service on World AIDS Day, December 1. Thank you especially for your interest in AIDS ministry.

Sincerely,

Malcolm

Malcolm Marler
Chaplain, 1917 Clinic

P.S. Would Covenant be willing to host one of these services on AIDS ministry in 1995? Or if you already have one planned, could we help advertise it for you?





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Our Community's Concern: Pastoral Care and HIV/AIDS
fourth annual interfaith conference for pastoral care givers with persons living with HIV/AIDS
presents



A CELEBRATION OF RE-CREATION

June 8 - 12, 1995

CENTER FOR MINISTRIES
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North Andover, MA 01845
(508) 837-5337

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Registration Form

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Name _____ Phone _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I would like my name and address added to the participants' list for distribution to other participants:

_____ Yes _____ No

Please register me for:

	Pre 5/15	Post 5/15
___ Conference	\$250.00	\$310.00
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Contribution for those with limited funds _____

Seeking scholarship (send no money) _____

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A CELEBRATION OF RE-CREATION

Thursday, June 8

2:00 pm - 5:30
6:00
7:30
8:00
9:00

Registration
Dinner
Welcome and Orientation
Opening Celebration
Social

Friday, June 9

7:30 am - 8:30
9:00
10:00
11:30
12:00
1:30 pm

2:30
3:00

4:00
5:00
6:00
8:00

Breakfast
Common Worship
Creative Activity
Small Group Discussion
Lunch
General Session - Expression
Drew Hubbard
Break
General Session - Presentation
Sister Teresita Weind, SNDN
Small Group Discussion
Welcoming the Sabbath
Dinner
Jewish Song (and Dance)

Saturday, June 10

7:30 am - 8:30
9:00
10:00

11:00
12:00
1:30 pm
6:30
8:00

Breakfast
Common Worship
General Session - Presentation
Sister Teresita Weind, SNDN
Small Group Discussion
Lunch
Beach
Dinner
Ice Cream and Yogurt Social

Sunday, June 11

8:00 am
8:30 - 9:30
9:45
11:00

11:45
12:30 pm
1:30
2:30
4:45
6:30
8:00

Catholic Mass (optional)
Breakfast
Common Worship
General Session - Expression
Drew Hubbard
Small Group Discussion
Lunch
Sharing of Memories
Opening of Sending Ceremony
Sending Ceremony
Dinner
Social

Monday, June 12

7:30 am - 8:30

Breakfast and Departure

Fees

Costs are listed below.

Please note: registrations dated **after May 15, 1995**,
will be assessed a late fee of \$60.

CONFERENCE

Resident: \$250 including room and board
through breakfast on June 12, 1995

Commuter: \$225 includes daily lunch, dinner on
Sunday and entertainment

After May 15: \$310 resident
\$285 commuter

PRIVATE BEDROOM

\$25 additional per night

CANCELLATION POLICY

Before May 22: refund minus \$40 processing fee

After May 22: no refunds

ASSISTING ANOTHER

Please consider adding whatever you are able to
your total payment to assist those who may find full
payment difficult.

Please make checks or postal orders payable to Merri-
mack College. We are unable to accept credit cards.

Limited number of scholarships available.

*Please include a statement of need with
your registration.*

Send no money at this time.

*Persons receiving scholarship assistance will be
notified of amount of award by May 6, 1995.*

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A Celebration of Re-Creation

featuring

Sister Teresita Weind, SNDN

Sister Teresita brought down the house as keynote speaker at the 1993 conference and has been a major speaker at numerous national conferences. She is a member of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and has a masters degree in theology from Mundelein College, Chicago. She has served as pastoral associate in several parishes and presently is director of the Neighborhood House of Prayer in Saginaw, MI. She is well known as a dynamic and challenging preacher as well as a retreat director.

Drew Hubbard

A very popular workshop presenter at two previous conferences, Drew is a graduate of Emmanuel College in Boston and has a degree in music therapy. He presently works both in group and one on one with persons of all ages - children with developmental concerns, pre-schoolers with cerebral palsy, and elders with Alzheimer's disease. In 1993, he founded music therapy support groups for persons living with AIDS and presently uses music therapy with young children living with HIV.

Special Events

Afternoon at the Beach

Afternoon of relaxation, rest and fun at the Atlantic.

Evening of Jewish Song (and Dance)

Celebrate the Jewish Sabbath with Jewish folk songs sung by cantor, Martha Birnbaum, and Boston musician, Carol Marton. Martha will also teach those who wish simple Jewish folk-dances. A good time for participants and spectators alike!

Book Exhibit

Books dealing with HIV/AIDS, ministry, prayer, spirituality, and other topics will be available during the conference through Divinitas Books, Cambridge, MA.

A Celebration of Shared Memories

A service of prayer and memorial in which all who wish may share stories of re-creation as experienced in and with persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Photo Exhibit

"Gail, A Life With AIDS", a photo-essay by photographer, David Binder, will hang in the library gallery throughout the conference.

Continuing Education Units (CEU)

This program has been approved for 16.8 contact hours by the Massachusetts Nurses Association, which is accredited as an approver of continuing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation

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